People Living below Poverty Line

45. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people and their percentage living below poverty line in the country as on 31st March, 1995. State wise details thereof; and

(b) the percentage of minorities out of the total population who are living below the poverty line at present State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA): (a) the number and percentage of people living below the poverty line in the country are estimated by the Planning Commission on the basis of quinquennial survey on consumer expenditure made by the National Sample Survey Organisation. The latest such estimates are available for the year 1987-88. No comparable estimates arc available for subsequent years.

(b) the estimates of poverty are not made separately for minority group of the population.

Capital Investment in Super Bazar

46. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total capital investment made by the Super Bazar Consumer Society, New Delhi during the last three years;

(b) the total amount paid as interest on public bank and other borrowings/private loan during this period;

(c) the net sales during this period, branch-wise;

(d) the profits earned and losses incurred during this period, branch-wise;

(e) whether the performance of Super Bazar has been found to be satisfactory;

(f) if not, the steps/measures taken to improve it;

(g) whether Government have reformulated its policy for functioning of Super Bazar; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) It has been reported by the Super Bazar that the capital investment made by them during the last 3 years arc as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year-end	Gross value of fixed assets	Shares and fixed deposits
1992-93	498.75	113.26
1993-94	645.58	151.66
1994-95	723.82	128.09

(b) During the last 3 years Super Bazar has paid interest to the extent of Rs.20,36 lakhs. 30.02 lakhs, and 26.72 lakhs respectively on Govt. loans and bank overdraft.

(c) and (d) Super Bazar has reported that their accounts do not facilitate working out of branch-wise net profits. The total sale and net profit to Super Bazar as a whole during the last 3 years arc as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Sales	Net Profit deposits
1992-93	103,03.98	10.83
1993-94	115.20.33	41.65
1994-95	130,15.23	22.11

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) to (h) Do not arise

Growth in Exports

47. SHRI SANATAN BIST: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any growth in exports so far during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, what is the percentage of this growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) and (b) India's exports during April-Sept, 1995, the latest period for which trade data are available, are estimated at $ 14685 million signifying a satisfactory growth of 26.37% over the exports of $11621 million during the corresponding period last year.

48. *[Cancelled.]*

Grains damaged in Punjab and Haryana

49. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in 'The Pioneer' dated the 13th September, 1995, under the caption 4m". tonnes of grains may go down the drain in North";

(b) if so, the estimated quantity of grains damaged in Punjab and Haryana during the last monsoon period due to their being kept in the open; and

(c) the measures adopted to create additional warehousing capacity for storing the procured grains and the gap still remained between the storage capacity and the quantum of procured grains?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The news item appeared in "The Pioneer" dated the 13th September, 1995 under the caption 4 m tonnes of grains may go down the drain in North is not correct as only two million tonnes of foodgains have been lying in open in FCI Punjab and Haryana; out of which a very small quantity has been affected by rains during 1995.

(b) The estimated quantity of foodgrains affected, salvaged and recovered as damaged in FCI Punjab and Haryana during the last monsoon period due to their being kept in open is as follows.

(Figs, in MTs.)

State	Quantity of foodgrains affected	Quantity salvaged	Quantity recovered as damaged
1	2	3	4
Punjab	124005	56328	2046
Haryana	18357	237	60